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In re Patent Application of:
Gerard Mourou et al.

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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
CONFIGURATION OF LASER INDUCED
BREAKDOWN AND ABLATION

Examiner: G. S. Evans

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The references listed were originally cited in copending application U.S. Application Serial No. 09/775,106. The references are being cited in this case for completeness sake.

This Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c), accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) submitted herewith.

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2), that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30275/939B.

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Respectfully submitted,

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